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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" That was a general strike and no remark need be entered in the particular dossier."

Grant of lands to Harijans in Malabar.

*260 Q.—SRI M. CHADAYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the Government have passed orders to assign 15 cents of land to each and every Harijan family in Malabar?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government have ordered that house-sites be granted at the rate of 15 cents for every Harijan family only in Malabar district, but this concession is restricted to those who have no legal rights to the house-sites under their occupation and who are houseless."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Do Government grant any loans for building houses on those house-sites that have been granted? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" What has that to do with assignment of lands to Harijan families? "

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" May I know, Sir, how many Harijan families have been benefited by this Government Order so far? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I want notice, Sir."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to tell us whether this order to assign 15 cents of land to each and every Harijan family is a peculiar favour conferred upon the Harijans in Malabar alone or whether this order is applicable to all Harijans living in the State? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" This assignment of 15 cents of land is peculiar to Malabar district alone. The need for enhancing the extent to 15 cents has arisen as there is no cheri system in Malabar and as the extent of the lands under the occupation of the Harijans is more than the limit of 5 cents fixed in the case of dry lands."

10-50 a.m. JANAB K. M. SEETHI :—" May I know when the order was passed? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" In G.O. No. 1409, dated 31st December 1951, the Government issued the order."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" In distributing the lands, will the Government see that no new cheris are created? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" There is no possibility of cheris being created."